EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST (Ed.S.)

This post-master’s degree is for scholars and leaders in the education field and consists of two tracks. Track 1, the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in Educational Leadership, is designed to provide leadership candidates with further specialization in the field of educational administration. This degree is for experienced teachers, school and district administrators, and other educators who seek to develop their potential and competencies; who are committed to the improvement of PK-12 education, especially at the school and district level; and who aspire to be lifelong researchers and leaders in their organizations. Admission into this advanced degree program requires a master’s degree in leadership or school administration and prior school administration licensure at the building level. Track 2, the Educational Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in School Leadership, is designed for experienced educators who have a master’s degree in another area but who now wish to license as school administrators. Admission into this program requires a master’s degree from an accredited institution and a minimum of three years experience as a full-time teacher as well as a current professional teaching license.

Track 1
Educational Leadership

Program of study (33 CREDITS)

CONCENTRATION
(30 credits of required study)

EDSL 851 Interpersonal and Group Relations in Education (3)
EDSL 852 Data Analysis for Educational Leadership (3)
EDSL 853 School Personnel Administration (3)
EDSL 854 Leadership for Social Justice (3)
EDSL 855 Leading School Renewal (3)
EDSL 856 School Facilities Planning (3)
EDSL 858 Evaluation of School Programs and Personnel (3)
EDSL 859 The Superintendency (3)
Prerequisites: EDSL 851-858

EDSL 975 Internship in the Superintendency and District Administration (3)
EDSL 976 Internship in the Superintendency and District Administration (3)

*EXIT REQUIREMENT
(3 credits of required study)
EDSL 879D Advanced Seminar in Educational Leadership and Research (3)
Must be last course in degree program.
May be taken concurrently with EDSL 976.

Track 2
School Leadership

Program of study (33 CREDITS)

CONCENTRATION
(30 credits of required study)

EDSL 718 Organization and Control of American Schools (3)
EDSL 719 Leadership in Educational Organizations (3)
EDSL 727 Strategic Planning in Education (3)
EDSL 730 Designing and Implementing Curriculum (3)
EDSL 823 School Finance (3)
EDSL 825 Schools and the Law (3)
EDSL 840 Supervision and Instructional Leadership (3)
EDSL 849 The Principalship (3)
Must be taken prior to/ or concurrently with internship.
Prerequisites: EDSL 718 and 719

EDSL 971E Internship in Elementary School Administration (3)
EDSL 972E Internship in Elementary School Administration (3)
OR
EDSL 971S Internship in Secondary School Administration (3)
EDSL 972S Internship in Secondary School Administration (3)

**EXIT REQUIREMENT
(3 Credits of required study)
EDSL 879B Advanced Seminar in Educational Leadership & Research (3)
Must be last course in degree program.
May be taken concurrently with EDSL 972E/S.

*The South Carolina State Department of Education also requires verification of a total of three years experience as a PK–12 or post-secondary teacher and two years as a school or school district administrator, post-secondary administrator, or school business administrator in order to add the superintendent’s certification.

**In order to be recommended for SC licensure in school administration, candidates must have a valid SC teacher’s professional level license; show evidence of a passing score of 145 on the Praxis II Education Leadership: Administration and Supervision subtest; and have a minimum of three years’ of teaching experience, including at least one year at the level of the certificate for which this individual is applying.